On clause 8,

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald O'Meara, that the tender of Mr. McIntosh be substituted for that of Mr. Harron.

Carried.

Yeas—Alds. Green, O'Meara, Cowan, Brown, Hook, Stringer—6

Nays—Alds. Taylor, Kingston, Scarrow, Hodgins, Christie—5.

Clause 9 adopted.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Taylor, Chairman:—

1—*Re* the balance of D. Rutherford's account of $153 for lightning rods for the City Hall, your Committee being unable to decide, beg leave to refer the matter back to the Council.

2—*Re* W. H. Smith, Horton street, claiming damages to goods, &c., through defective drain, report progress.

3—That the tender of E. Rogers & Co. for putting in additional heating apparatus in Tracy's barber shop, City Hall buildings, of $33, be accepted, and that the tender of Messrs. Sime & Webb for hauling stone at $1.15 per cord be accepted.

4—*Re* Oxford street bridge, report progress.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

On clause 1,

Ald. Cowan moved that the clause be referred to No. 1 Committee to provide funds. Ald. Hook seconded.

In further amendment Ald. O'Meara moved that the clause be referred back to the committee with power to endeavor to effect a compromise with Mr. Rutherford. Ald. Kingston seconded.

Ald. Cowan withdrew his motion.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, and the report as amended adopted.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Scarrow, Chairman:—

1—Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—

NO. 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Election—		
John Plummer	$ 1 00	
Incidental—		
Bell Telephone Co	12 50	
Printing, Advertising Accounts—		
FREE PRESS Co	204 35	
		$217 85

NO. 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Pay Sheets—		
Pay Sheets	$440 73	
Streets—		
Benj. Johnson	11 00	
Victoria Park—		
Thos. Churcher	2 00	
City Hall—		
Bowman & Co	148 13	
		$601 86

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Hospital Accounts—		
Pay Sheet	$127 00	
Bowman & Co	181 59	
Tytler & Bullen	202 22	
Thos. Brock	11 88	
D. G. Birch	8 40	
Thos. Churcher	9 00	
Plastow Bros	16 21	
W. T. Strong	44 07	
Saml. Cooper	73 90	
J. Ranahan	61 10	
Wm. Dodson	105 09	
P. O'Meara	4 00	
		$844 46
Market—		
J. B. Smyth	2 75	
Street Lamps—		
Wm. Ironside	55 33	
Fire Department—		
Pay street	398 36	
Bowman & Co	41 16	
		$ 517 60

RELIEF ACCOUNTS.

Geo. McNeil	$500 50	
Tytler & Bullen	58 50	$ 559 00
Total accounts		$2,720 77

2—That the communication of Isaiah Danks, Secretary of the Water Commissioners, *re* funds for main extensions, be laid over until April.

3—That the petition of Frank Plant, *re* clerical error in charging income tax, be granted, and the error corrected by striking off the sum of two dollars overcharged.

4—That the petition of Harriet Thompson be granted and the income tax charged, but not assessed, be struck off.

5—That the petition of Jane Insell for remission of 1884 taxes be granted, by allowing a rebate of eight dollars, half of her taxes.

6—That the petition of Mrs. E. Hamilton for remission of street watering tax, be granted, no watering having been done.

7—That the communication of A. W. Wright, Secretary of the Anti-Tax Exemption Association be filed, having been received too late for action.

8—That the petition of H. S. Blackburn and Colonel Otter be filed.

9—Your Committee beg to report progress in the petitions of Mrs. McEwen, F. Townuncio, W. Scott, J. Fleming, M. Oxley, Alex. McIntosh, J. H. Belton, W. Willis, James Lang, R. Hookaway & Co., Ellen Hyde and Mary Laurence.

10—Your Committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for January.

On motion, the report was taken up clause by clause, and adopted.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

By Ald. Cowan, Chairman:—

The Board of Health beg leave to recommend the Council to appoint a medical health officer for the city, salary not to exceed $300 per annum, his duties to be defined by said Board in accordance with the Public Health Act.

Ald Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald Green, that the report be received and filed. Carried.

Yeas—Alds. Taylor, Green, O'Meara, Scarrow, Hodgins, Christie—6.

Nays—Alds. Cowan, Kingston, Brown, Hook, Stringer—5.

EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

Ald. Green moved, seconded by Ald. Kingston, that the special committee be empowered to advertise for grounds for military as well as exhibition purposes.

Carried.

Ald. Stringer's motion for the division of the city for the purpose of street improvements and the appointment of two commissioners was allowed to stand over.

THE PROPOSED DEBENTURES.

Ald. Taylor moved that whereas a notice appears in the *Ontario Gazette*, that application will be made by this Council to the Ontario Legislature for power to issue debentures for $150,000, to be expended in land for exhibition and military purposes; and whereas, in the opinion of this Council it is inexpedient to increase the debenture debt of the city; and whereas, the proceeds of sale of the present grounds should be used for the purchase of other grounds and buildings, therefore resolved, that the notice now in the *Ontario Gazette* be withdrawn.

Ald. Hodgins withdrew his name as seconder, and moved, seconded by Ald. Green, that this Council ask Parliament for the privilege to issue debentures or mortgage the new grounds to be acquired, or otherwise incur indebtedness only to such an amount as can on a fair estimate be realized from the sale of the present grounds and such other property as the Council may desire to sell—which estimate shall be ascertained by the sale of such an amount of the said ground as the Council may deem proper to sell for the purpose of making an estimate—said estimate to be the maximum amount of the indebtedness to be issued or contracted for; and that the amount collected or accruing from the sale of the present Fair Grounds be placed in or to a special account to meet the debt contracted on behalf of the new grounds and buildings.

Ald. Scarrow thought it would be a very wise thing, indeed, to get permission to issue the debentures. He was opposed to any extra expenditure, but believed this would be the best plan.

Ald. Brown raised the point of order, that Ald. Hodgins had seconded the motion of Ald. Taylor and then moved an amendment.

In amendment Ald. Taylor moved that this Council instruct W. R. Meredith, M.P.P., to have a clause inserted in the Act that the debentures do not take effect, and that no indebtedness be incurred until a by-law has been first submitted to the ratepayers to be voted on, and said by law be carried by a majority of the electors entitled to vote on said by-law. Ald. Cowan seconded.

On motion of Ald. Stringer the 4th rule was suspended.

A vote was then taken, and the amendment of Ald. Taylor was lost in the following division:

Yeas—Alds. Taylor, Cowan, Brown, Hook—4.

Nays—Alds. Green, O'Meara, Stringer, Scarrow, Hodgins, Christie—6.

The motion of Ald. Hodgins was carried on the same division reversed.

AN ADDITIONAL GRANT.

Ald. Taylor said that Mr Anthistle had forty cords of stone which he offered to sell at $2 a cord, and this would give the workingmen more employment in breaking.

Ald. Scarrow asked how much had been spent on breaking stone, in proportion to other years.

The Engineer stated that about the same amount had been broken, but that it had cost less. He thought the extra 40 cords would make it about the same.

On motion of Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Christie, an additional appropriation of $500 was made to No. 2 Committee.

The Council adjourned for three weeks.